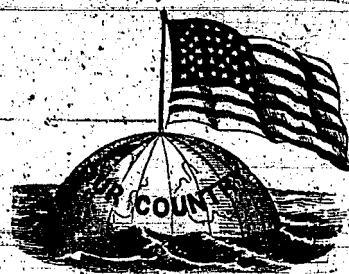


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AN UNTENABLE POSITION.

George Hansen, the landscape artist, in a communication published in last evening's GAZETTE, expressed himself adversely to the location of the new high school on the site of the present building. The reasons Mr. Hansen advanced were purely esthetic. We are inclined to the belief that the gentleman's artistic feelings render him oblivious to stern reality. Even admitting Mr. Hansen's implication that the primary function of a school building is not educational, we contend that the Kellogg school site is the most beautiful and desirable in every respect. Its adjacency to the University grounds renders it in a measure a part of that lovely park. Then again, it is the most central, and as a means of advertising the city it cannot be improved on. Finally, were the building to be located elsewhere the bonds would fail to carry. We think this array of self-evident facts will convince the gentleman of the untenability of his position.

THE FAKING FRATERNITY.

As the days pass and the utter impossibility of connecting the Spanish Government with the Maine disaster becomes more and more apparent, the wisdom of the administration in ignoring the howls of the yellow press becomes manifest. It is possible a war would be welcomed, if it would be possible to draft all the faking editors and war correspondents, and place them in the front of battle. Certainly the country would be the gainer if the entire tribe of the faking fraternity were wiped out of existence.

SINGLE TAX.

"How to establish equality in taxation, how to make people and corporations bear the burden of taxation in fair proportion to the value of the tangible or intangible property owned or controlled by them, are conundrums which it seems impossible to solve."

The above is the opening paragraph of a recent editorial under the head of Taxation, in a Los Angeles daily paper, the Record.

The first sentence presents a conundrum that is very easy of solution. Equality of taxation can be established if people will only go at it in the right way. There is a plain, straight, logical, scientific road to equality in taxation; a road easily found by people who look for it. All that need be done is to abolish every tax on industry of every kind, and then levy a tax on special privileges, according to their value. For details of this system of taxation,

(the only rational and just system for raising public revenue ever devised) read "Progress and Poverty." As to the second conundrum quoted from the editorial: "How to make people and corporations bear the burdens of taxation in fair proportion to the value of the tangible and intangible property owned or controlled by them is a conundrum which it seems impossible to solve."

It is indeed morally impossible to do what is proposed in this second conundrum. And the impossibility of it is proof that every attempt to accomplish such a thing is a foolish, wicked waste of energy—as are all other efforts to override natural laws and reach the goal of prosperity by traveling the road that leads to industrial hell. The plain truth is that tangible property should not be taxed, and intangible property cannot be. All tangible property is produced by human labor. Therefore it ought not to be taxed. Land is not thus produced; nor is it equitably private property, though it is very tangible. Land values are the product of community effort, and they should therefore be taken for community purposes. That is revenue without robbery.

RALPH HOYT.

There's a glimmer of joy through the vapors that roll
To darken the husbandman's
A sweet reassurance falls soft o'er
his soul;
A trust has monopolized hay.
'Tis true that no benefit he may derive

From the price which consumers must pay.
But pride in his calling, must certainly thrive
Since a trust has monopolized hay.
For gold bricks and green goods
avenged he will be.
And he'll carol content and gay
With excusable glee as he pauses
to see

How the public is bungled on 'May.
"It makes me indignant," said one Madrid citizen, "every time I think of that free silver discussion in the United States."
"But it didn't affect you in any way," replied another.
"I know it. But think of a country's being rich enough to worry over what particular kind of money it shall use."

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Advantage of the Hudson to New York.
"Reporting Out a Metropolis" is the title of an article on the Greater New York written by Ernest Ingersoll for St. Niebels. In speaking of the growth of cities during the early part of the century Mr. Ingersoll says:
How could New York double its population in 16 years and beat its great rival Philadelphia when the latter was surrounded by a far wider belt of rich farms and populous towns?
It was due primarily to the fact that Robert Fulton brought here his steamboat and that New York men knew how to take advantage of the invention. Philadelphia also had the steamboat, you will reply. Yes, but she did not have the Hudson river.
The Hudson had from the first been an advantage to New York because it afforded a highway for commerce inland and thus had greatly aided in the early settlement of the interior of the state and of western New England. By the improvement of the steamboat river travel at once became so cheap and speedy that the country dealers and the farmers themselves could go straight down to New York to buy goods or do their shopping at first hands. This brought a great deal of new business, both wholesale and retail, to New York, some of which was taken away from its rival cities.
Moreover, the steamboats and tow-boats lessened the cost of bringing building materials, grain, hay, meat and all the country grown food found in city markets and therefore lessened the expense and increased the comfort of living and working here.

Prison Facts.
"The new boarder," said the sweetest girl, "must know a good deal about women. He has been married four times."
"A man who was fool enough for that," said the savage bachelor, "never knew anything about women. That's plain."—Cincinnati Enquirer.
Paper floors are in use in Einsidolu, Switzerland. It is laid in a paste mass, smoothed and then pressed. Footsteps on it are noiseless.
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among the great marts of the world. In

no other place, any those who are most

familiar with its daily routine, is to

large an aggregate of business transac-

ed in the language of gestures and with-

out the "scratches of a pen," as in the

noisy pens of the stockyards. A whip

is held high in air, across a sea of clat-

tering horns; the signal is answered by

the momentary splashing of a hand, and

a "smack" of cattle worth thousands of

dollars is sold.

There is something splendidly pic-

turesque and even spectacular in these

wordless transactions. They ignore the

artificialities of the complex system up-

on which modern business relationships

are almost universally maintained.

Trade in the cattle pens gets boldly

back to primitive simplicity. It is done

on honor, not on paper. And the undis-

puted transfer of millions of dollars' worth

of the property here dealt in proves

that a bargain sealed with the

wave of the whip and an assenting ges-

ture of the hand is quite as safe and

sound as the usual transaction re-

corded "in black and white."

The trader in the wheat pit is armed

with his tally card, upon which he

passes to note the names of those with

whom he deals and the amount, nature

and price of the commodities bought

and sold. The broker upon the floor of

the Stock Exchange places equal reli-

ance upon the quickly penciled memo-

randum made at the moment when the

details of each transaction were upon

the lips of those concerned in its fulfill-

ment; but the buyer and seller of the

yards carry whips, not pencils, and

their deals are recorded in memory in-

stead of written upon trading cards. "As

well try to picture the old knights mak-

ing laborious written memoranda of

their challenges to think of the rough

and ready traders of the cattle yards

pausing in their saddles to jot down

upon paper their purchases and sales.

Such a procedure would bid defiance

to the very nature of things and do vio-

lence to the magnificent unconvention-

ality of every environment.

"Is there never any trouble in this

kind of dealing?" a leading commission

man was asked.

"If you mean do the men go back on

their bargains made by whip and hand,

I can answer, never," was the trader's

answer as he brought his trim black

horse to a halt in the cattle alley and

leaded forward in his saddle. "There

isn't another place in America, or the

whole world, for that matter, where so

much business is done on the basis of

personal integrity, without a written

word to show for the transactions, as

right here," he continued, "and the

method beats all the bonds on earth.

The day's business in these pens will

run about \$1,500,000. And how is it

done? Little talk, a considerable vary-

ing of whips and hands and no exchange

of written documents between buyers

and sellers.

"Here is a bunch of cattle that will

run about \$10,000. Over there in

the other alley is a buyer who this

morning offered me a price of \$6.10 for

them. I thought that I could do better,

but the market has been a little off, and

I have decided to let the bunch go at

his offer. Up to the present moment

we have exchanged about a dozen words

on this subject. Now, if he is willing to

pay the price which he named in the

morning I'll show you how a \$10,000

bunch of fat steers is sold without

